



**INTERPRETATIONS & APPLICATIONS
OF BUILDING CODES & REGULATIONS #00-1**

CODE SECTION : IRC 1001.6

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SUBJECT : OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

Provisions of the building code regulate the proximity of a fireplace chimney termination to at least 2 feet above any part of a building within 10 feet of the termination. Since accessory buildings may be constructed within 2 feet of a property line in most residential zones, to comply with this building code provision, outside fireplaces and firepits, which due to their construction or listing are capable of burning wood, must be set back at least 8 feet from a property line, or 10 feet from a property line in zero lot line subdivisions.

Gas fireplaces and firepits which due to their construction or listing are capable of burning wood, must be set back at least 8 feet from a property line, or 10 feet from a property line in zero lot line subdivisions, or a letter provided by the owner of the property stating that the fireplace or firepit will be used for gas flames only.

If documentation can be provided indicating that buildings are precluded from being built closer than 10 feet from the proposed fireplace or firepit, a lesser separation may be considered.